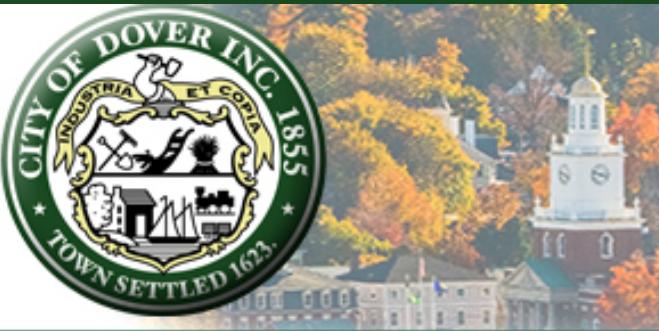


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Friday, May 29, 2015



Northbound traffic shift on new Little Bay Bridge to delay traffic

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) announces a major traffic shift planned on the Spaulding Turnpike in Newington and Dover with the switching of northbound traffic onto the new Little Bay Bridge.

This northbound traffic change between Exit 3 and Exit 6 is expected to significantly affect traffic on Wednesday, June 3 and Thursday, June 4, 2015. In the event of rain, the schedule will shift to June 4 and 5.

The northbound traffic change work will begin at approximately 9 p.m. on June 3. The majority of the work will involve pavement removal, new paving, marking lane lines, and setting portable concrete barrier. It is anticipated

Meetings this week:

City Council, June 3, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop session on Wednesday, June 3, 2015, at 7 p.m. in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

To view the agenda, [click here](#).

To view televised meetings

online, on demand, visit www.dover.nh.gov/dntv.

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the [meeting calendar page](#).



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Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Recycling Center hours:
Tuesday, Thursday,
Saturday
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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that the full traffic shift will take at least nine hours to complete.

Lane closures will be in place in order to complete the work. State Police and message boards will be used to alert the traffic to the restricted driving conditions. Temporary light towers will be used to light work areas. Motorists traveling northbound on June 4 and June 5 should expect delays.

At the conclusion of the traffic change, two lanes of northbound traffic will be restored and will then be traveling over the new Little Bay Bridge, connecting in Dover to the current traffic pattern north of Exit 5. The Exit 4 northbound ramps will be reconfigured the new alignment in the coming weeks.

In 2010, the state of New Hampshire hired Cianbro of Pittsfield, Maine to construct a nine span, 1,639-foot bridge carrying two northbound and southbound lanes of the Spaulding Turnpike over Little Bay. The new bridge is located between the existing General Sullivan and Little Bay Bridges.

Planning Board to hold public hearings on zoning amendments

The Dover Planning Board will hold public hearings on 20 proposed amendments to Dover's Zoning Ordinance on Tuesday, June 9 and Tuesday, June 23. The public hearings will be held each day in Council Chambers at City Hall beginning at 7 p.m.

The amendments are the result of a comprehensive effort by the Planning Board to involve the public in the process. These amendments were developed with input from property owners, business owners, Planning staff, and the City's consultant for the "Heritage Residential Rezoning Study". The amendments are designed to encourage context-sensitive development that meets the needs of residents, promote economic growth and infill, contribute to a vibrant urban core and provide greater flexibility for signs in some of the City's commercial districts.

A summary of the amendments can be [viewed here](#).

The full text of the amendments is available in the Planning Department in City Hall, 288 Central Ave., from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Thursday, and in the Public Library during regular business hours. The full text can also be viewed on the City's website [here](#).

Written comments are encouraged.

For more information, contact the office of Planning and Community Development at 516-6008.

Construction to affect First Street traffic for month of June

First Street will be closed to traffic or subject to altered traffic patterns from Monday, June 1 to Friday, June 16, to accommodate ongoing construction.

Road closure notifications will be provided to abutters 48 hours in advance of a closure.

Vehicles parked on First Street during road closures will be towed.

For more information, contact Community Services at 516-6450.

Dover Arts Commission to hold Mixer event June 4

Mix and mingle with artists and art enthusiasts and help spark new ideas to advance, enhance, and celebrate Dover's creative economy.

The Children's Museum of New Hampshire will host the second of Dover's Arts Commission Mixers on Thursday, June 4, following a reception from 5-7 p.m. of the museum's exhibit "Of Beauties and Beasts: Children's Book Illustrators."

The focus of this Mixer is to encourage artists to exhibit work in public spaces. The Dover Public Library, the cafeteria of the McConnell Center and Henry Law Park are some of the spaces where artwork can be exhibited regularly. These are highly visible locations for artists to increase public visibility. At the Mixer, applications will be available and members of the Arts Commission will be on hand to explain the process for submitting artwork.

Members of the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts will also be in. The NH State Council on the Arts is celebrating its 50th year of supporting creativity in the Granite State. To commemorate the anniversary, the Council this year will attend special events hosted by cultural organizations throughout the state.

Come early and enjoy the exhibit in Gallery 6, refreshments, an opportunity to mix and mingle with others who share a commitment to the arts, and consider

showcasing your artwork in one of the City's public art spaces.

'Green Charrette' to explore energy efficiency options for high school building project

HMFH, Architects, Inc. will lead community discussion on energy efficiency and the Dover High School and Career Technical Center building project on Tuesday, June 2, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Gourmet's Table, at Dover High School.

The green charette session will include information from Eversource about incentive programs that promote energy efficiency. Eligibility for these incentive programs require discussion during the early stages of a project.

All project stakeholders are invited to participate in the green charrette session. Charettes are brainstorming sessions that allow building professionals and local residents to explore an issue in greater detail.

The Joint Building Committee for Dover High School and the Career Technical Center selected the HMFH, Architects, Inc. to conduct a needs assessment, site selection and design services for the High School and Regional Career and Technical Center project.

This session is open to all.

For more information, contact the Dover School District Business Office at 516-6800.



Silver Street open to one-way traffic during construction

Silver Street (NH Route 9) will be a one-way street, inbound (easterly) only, from the intersection with Arch Street and Towle Avenue to the intersection with Central Avenue (NH Route 108). This pattern will be in effect at all times of the day, every day, through at least the end of September.

The suggested detour route for passenger cars from downtown will be via Washington Street to Arch Street. The intersection of Washington/Arch Streets will be converted to a three-way stop during this project in order to help safely process the extra traffic. The secondary detour (truck route) will be via Central Avenue to the Spaulding Turnpike.

For more information, visit the Silver Street Reconstruction Project page [here](#) or contact Community Services at 516-6450.

Exit 5 northbound ramps closed for Spaulding Turnpike construction

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation has closed the Exit 5 northbound ramps on the Spaulding Turnpike in Dover for several months. Portable concrete barriers will be used at Exit 5 to close off the existing on and off ramps. The Exit 5 ramps will reopen later this summer.

A northbound traffic shift will allow for the construction of the new northbound tie-in from the Little Bay Bridge to the existing northbound lanes north of Exit 5. The Exit 5 ramps will be reconstructed to match the new alignment.

Motorists needing to access Wentworth Terrace and Hilton Park will be directed northbound to Exit 6W, and to a detour back to Boston Harbor Road and under the new Little Bay Bridge to get from the west side to the east side of the Turnpike. Southbound traffic needing to access Wentworth Terrace and Hilton Park, will be able to use Exit 6S and proceed to the signals at US Route 4/Boston Harbor Road.

Detour signs will be erected to show the new traffic pattern. Fire, emergency vehicles and school buses will need to use the detour. Boaters wishing to launch at Hilton Park should also take notice of this planned ramp closure and detour.

For more information, contact NHDOT at 603-271-3734.



**KEEFE HOUSE
GALLERY**
AT THE WOODMAN

15 Summer Street
Dover, New Hampshire
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woodmanmuseum.org

Woodman Museum art exhibit continues this week

The Woodman Museum, at 182 Central Avenue in Dover, continues to host its 2015 art exhibition, Voices from New England. The exhibition is located at the Keefe House, part of the museum campus.

On Saturday, June 6 from 12 to 3 p.m., Deerfield ceramic artist and University of New Hampshire faculty member Don Williams will be at Keefe House Gallery to greet visitors and answer questions about his many years of working in clay, and the many ceramic artworks of his currently on view at the Keefe House. Williams' studio and showroom are in a barn attached to his rambling 1760 colonial home in Deerfield, and when he's working there he divides his time between sculpting and making slab-built tableware.

The Voices from New England exhibition continues until June 28. The Keefe House Gallery at the Woodman is located at 15 Summer St. The gallery is open during regular museum hours, Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibit is sponsored by Dermatology & Skin Health in Dover.

There is no admission charge to visit the Keefe House Gallery at the Woodman.

Every Sunday during the the exhibition, writer, artist and musician Ross Bachelder, the exhibition's guest curator, will be present at the Keefe House Gallery from 12-3 p.m., to greet visitors and to answer any questions visitors may have about the 6 participating artists and their works.

For more information, call the museum at 603-742-1038.

CITY OF DOVER SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

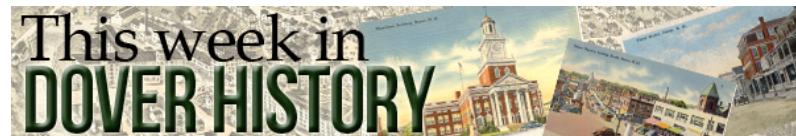
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Want up-to-date information about road work, emergencies, special projects, and other important information? [Sign up now](#) to receive special announcements via email.

In addition to Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a variety of e-mail updates, including emergency and road closure information, Police Facility and Parking Garage updates, Silver Street reconstruction news, news from the Public Library, waterfront development, and more.

To sign up for one or all of the City's updates, [click here](#). An e-mail address is required to access the special announcement mailing lists.

DID YOU KNOW?



The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, "Historic Rambles About Dover," by Robert A. Whitehouse, "Port of Dover: Two Centuries of Shipping on the Cochecho" by Robert A. Whitehouse and Cathleen C. Beaudoin, and several other historical sources.

For more on the history of Dover, settled in 1623 and the oldest permanent settlement in New Hampshire and seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Institute Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, located at <http://www.dover.lib.nh.us/DoverHistory/cityof.htm>.

June 4, 1706 - George Ricker and Maturin Ricker of Cochecho, were slain by the Indians. George was killed running up the lane near the garrison. Maturin was killed in his field, and his little son carried away.

June 2, 1766 - The town voted to erect a dwelling house,

stable, ferryways, etc. at Hilton's Point for the convenience of travellers and a committee was appointed to obtain subscriptions to defray the expense.

May 31, 1775 - Madbury set off from Dover, and incorporated as a town, Population 677.

June 3, 1788 - Elisha Thomas was executed in Dover for the murder of Capt. Peter Drown at New Durham, in the preceding February. This being the first execution in the county of Strafford, a large concourse of people were present from Dover and all the neighboring towns to witness it. The scaffold was erected near the foot of the hill leading from Central street to the river, on ground now enclosed in the yard of the Cochecho Print Works.

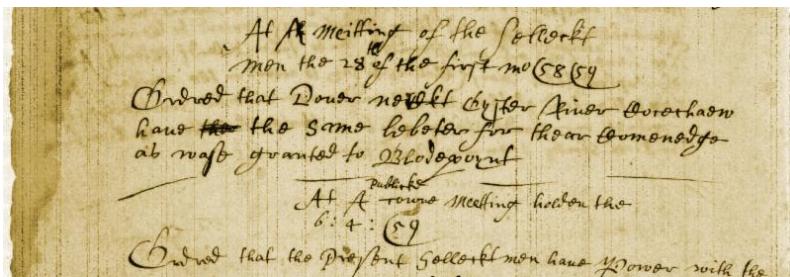
It is recorded of the execution that:

"The very peculiar circumstances of this unhappy man's fate induced a vast concourse of spectators to attend his execution. He appeared to be much affected with his situation, and employed the few moments then allotted to him, in exercises, but did not address the spectators. Indeed, the melancholy catastrophe, which his rash conduct had occasioned, operated so powerfully upon his senses, that it was with difficulty he supported himself to the fatal moment, which was to cut the thread of his existence, had arrived. The Sheriff treated the criminal with a degree of tenderness and humanity which did him honor; nor did he hurry him out of the world, but let him live till the last moment; which having arrived, after shaking hands with the sheriff, he was launched into eternity. (N.H. Gazette)

The murder for which Thomas was executed took place in the tavern of Mr. Randall in New Durham, where Thomas got into an altercation with another man, and Capt. Drown, in endeavoring to separate them, was stabbed with a knife by Thomas and died in a few hours. Thomas left at home a wife and six children. Some days after he was committed to jail his wife, taking her youngest child to one of the neighbors, set out for Dover to see her husband. In the night, the other five children being in bed, the house caught fire and was burnt, and four of the children were burnt with it, the oldest only escaping. While in jail, and a few days before his execution, Thomas attempted to escape, having removed his chains and penetrated the chimney almost sufficient to pass through, before he relinquished his design. During his imprisonment, he was allowed on Sundays the privilege of attending church, being guarded by the Sheriff and his posse to the meeting house which stood on the site of the present edifice at the corner." The jail at that time was on what was long known as "jail hill," the ground later occupied by the house of Daniel Niles.

June 3, 1853 - Jonathan Littlefield, aged 22, was drowned

while bathing in the Cochecho, near the railroad bridge.



Recovered historic Dover records now available online

In 2014, the City of Dover received grant funding from the State of New Hampshire's Conservation and Heritage License Plate Program to digitize and preserve hundreds of pages of historical town books and records. The three volumes of original documents were recovered in 2008 and span the years 1657 to 1807.

The \$9,800 grant allowed the City of Dover to scan the documents into a digital formats and microfilm. The scanned documents, in portable document format (PDF), can be viewed on the City of Dover's [website here](#). The original documents can be viewed by special arrangement with the City Clerk's office.

Although these documents are part of the original records kept by Dover, they are available to the public for review purposes only.

For more information, contact City Clerk Karen Lavertu at 516-6020.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS

City of Dover employment opportunities

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment.

To see what positions the City is seeking to fill, [click here](#).

Time to register your vehicle? Save time, register online

Did you know you can save yourself time and a trip to City Hall by registering your vehicle online?

Online vehicle registration renewal is easy, safe and secure. You can register online by providing a PIN number or your license plate number. Your PIN number is provided by the City of Dover and can be found on your renewal notice.

For your convenience, you can now pay for motor vehicle registration by credit card.

For more information on the E-registration process, [click here](#).

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch it again, online and on demand.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Want to stay up to speed on exciting events and activities in Dover? Sign up for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's weekly newsletter, Peek at the Week, for up-to-date information on what's happening in Dover.

Whether it's the schedule for the Cochecho Arts Festival, art exhibits or where to shop for local products, sign up for Peek at the Week, and you'll be ready for the week ahead.

You can sign up to receive the Chamber's Peek at the Week by e-mail [here](#).

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